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Dear Parents

Headmaster, Andrew Gordon-Brown addresses the pupils and parents with this weekly video message.

[Click here to view his message](#)

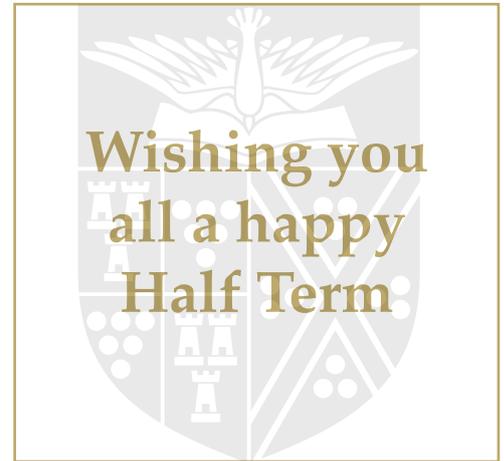
Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund

Our Coronavirus Emergency Bursary Fund is up and running. The current situation has had a huge impact on every family and individual in different ways, and we are proud to be part of a community that supports each other and those around us. All donations to the fund will be used to help the families who cannot manage their School Fee payments due to the crisis. This Fund is being administered by the

Truro School Foundation, therefore attracting gift aid and tax relief. If you are able to help, you can do this by following the link below.

We very much hope that all the steps we are taking will enable the Truro School community to be together again as soon as possible and thank you very much indeed for any contribution you are able to make.

[CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND
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FTS Quiz

**This Saturday, 23 May
at 8pm**

Please email fts@truroschoo.com for the Zoom codes.
See you there!



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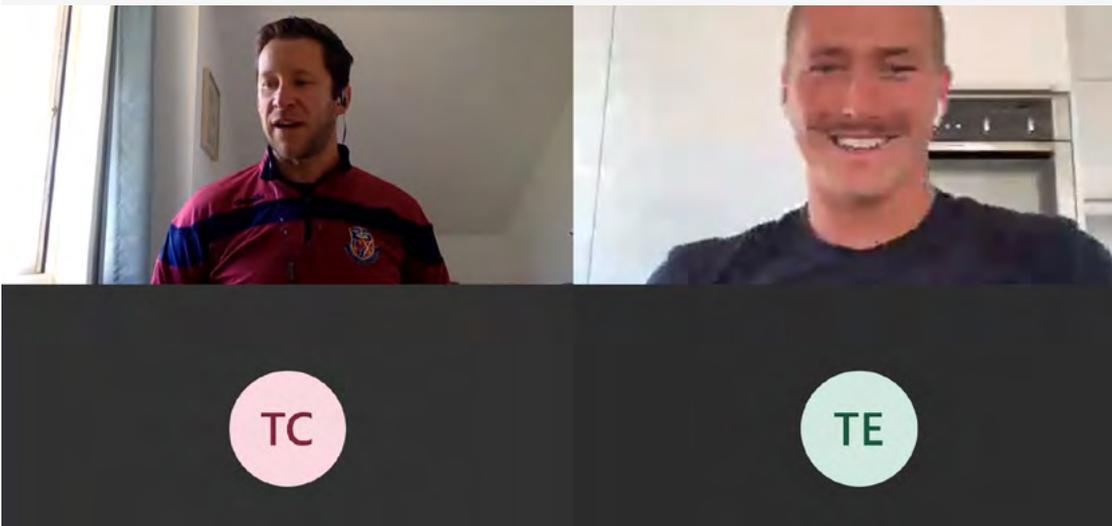
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Choristers on BBC Radio 3



Our talented girl choristers performed this virtual recording on BBC Radio 3 this week - an amazing privilege to be part of this isolation creation with The Gesualdo Six! You can listen at <https://www.truroscool.com/choristers/choristers-on-bbc3/>

Live Q&A with Noah Sixton, England 7s player



It was a pleasure to welcome Old Truronian and current England 7's player Noah Sixton, for a live Q&A session, hosted by Mr Sanderson and Mr Excell. Pupils enjoyed listening to Noah's stories about Truro School and what it feels like to represent your country, as well as asking their questions.

On 3 June, we will be welcoming Head of S&C at Saracens (having previously worked with England) and Old Truronian, Ben Pollard. Please contact Mr Sanderson djs@truroscool.com for more information.



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2020 Leavers' Service



Our Upper Sixth Leavers gathered remotely to attend their virtual Leavers' Service this afternoon.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Please can we also remind all leavers to complete the following form on the website for our Alumni department > <https://www.truroscool.com/leavers-form/>



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Leavers' Reflections



[Click here to find out more.](#)



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Mental Health Awareness Week



This week's chapel service with the Rev focuses on Wesley Day, which is on the 24 May, and Mental Health Awareness Week. You can watch it here > <https://youtu.be/hCa2Hxl4Qlk>

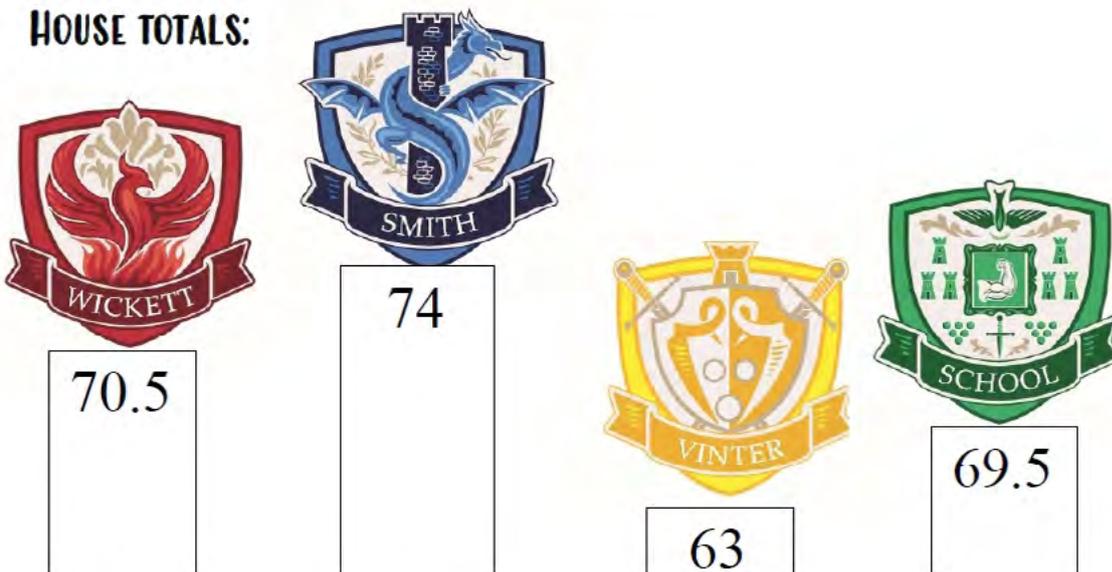
Taking care of your wellbeing, both body and mind, is really important while isolated at home. In case you haven't seen it, we have a dedicated [wellbeing page on the website](#) where you will find a range of tips and links intended to help you keep on top of your mental wellbeing during this time.

Truro School is offering support throughout this time and if you need help or you are worried about another pupil please do not hesitate to contact your tutor or the pastoral team on pastoralcare@truroschoo.com (Senior School) or preppastoralcare@truroschoo.com (Prep School). These email addresses are constantly monitored and we are here if you need us.

House Competitions

This week's results saw Smith stay in 1st place with 74 points, followed closely by Wickett with 70.5 points. Click on the images below to view this week's contest.

HOUSE TOTALS:



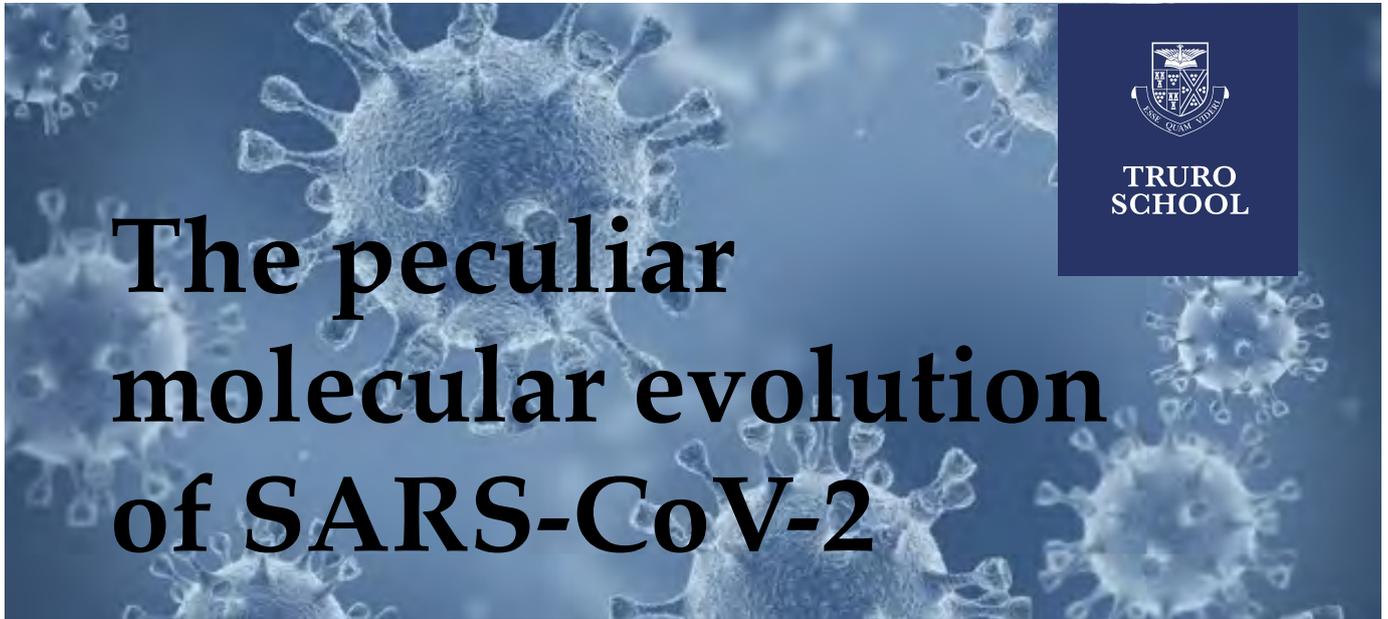


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The peculiar molecular evolution of SARS-CoV-2

PROFESSOR LAURENCE HURST
Monday 8 June, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Is the virus that causes COVID-19 mutating and if so how fast? Is there evidence that the virus is subject to natural selection? Can analysis of the molecular evolution of the virus tell us anything about its biology or about how to combat it? This talk looks at the rapid progress in sequencing the virus (currently a little under 15,000 full length sequences are available for analysis, increasing by hundreds per day) and what that can tell us.

Professor Laurence Hurst FMedSci FRS (CO83) is a Professor of Evolutionary Genetics in the Department of Biology and Biochemistry at the University of Bath and the Director of the Milner Centre for Evolution and the President of the Genetics Society, one of the world's oldest such societies. He is a leading authority on the evolution of genetic systems.

"We are delighted to welcome Professor Hurst back to talk to us virtually about his research into Covid-19. We are so very grateful for his ongoing support." Sarah Finnegan, Head of Biology and Coordinator of Medical Pathways

The talk will be geared towards those studying A-Level Biology. Pre-reading material for those who are keen to listen but do not have this level of understanding is available on the links below:

<https://www.compoundchem.com/2015/03/24/dna/>

<https://www.yourgenome.org/facts/what-is-a-mutation>

This virtual meeting will be available to all pupils via Teams. The link will be available shortly.

SPORTS DAY SURFING COMPETITION



Starting on Saturday 23 May and running until Friday 19 June, submit your videos via moodle for Mr Meads and Mr Smith to judge. All are welcome, rules and guidance below. Remember to include your name and House!

Rules:

1. All students from every year group can enter as long as they are filmed by their parents.
 2. You can body surf, belly board or board surf.
2. Film your waves during one chosen surf session within the time frame.
3. Two of your best waves have to be chosen and loaded to the Moodle 'surf academy on Wednesday afternoon activity' page.
4. Be safe and sensible!

Points are given for:

Body surfing: length of ride in seconds from catching the wave to stopping.

Boogie board: catching a wave, manoeuvres, use of the wave.

Hard board: catching and standing up, turns, use of the wave.

Each wave will be marked out of 10, with the most points you can score for the competition being 20.



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“CORNWALL HUGS CARE WORKERS”

The charity Cornwall Hugs builds upon the experience of arranging nearly 500 respite stays for those affected by the Grenfell Tower Fire, to address this latest need, by connecting Care Workers with those offering help. Accommodation providers can register on a dedicated Cornwall Hugs website making it clear whether the offer is freely given; in return for basic costs or at a reduced rent. Care Workers will also then be able to register their need on the new portal: www.cornwallhugs.org

Esme Page, Founder of Cornwall Hugs said: ‘Cornwall hugged Grenfell with wide open arms. Now we need to ‘hug’ our own front-line Care Workers, with practical help: a safe haven when they need it most!’

Cornwall Hugs is urgently seeking funding to coordinate activities both from grant bodies and from individual donors via Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CornwallHugsCareWorkers>

Esme continued, “We’d like to say a huge thank you to the Truro School families involved in volunteering now - some wonderful professional expertise being offered - and to those who have offered accommodation via the portal: www.cornwallhugs.org. One of those is Towan Valley Resort who also supported us so fabulously for the Grenfell appeal.

“Two weeks after launching the temporary emergency accommodation portal for Cornwall’s care Workers, we’ve had a fabulous response from accommodation providers with over 120 units offered up and down the county (see map). We opened registration to Care Workers last Friday and are starting to place the first carers to accommodation offered. Unlike NHS employees, there is no provision for Care Workers when they need to move out of home to protect vulnerable loved ones but continue in their vital posts. Cornwall has over 15,500 Care Workers and they are, as we are hearing all the time, very much on the front-line. So this practical provision (a repurposing of our Cornwall Hugs Grenfell systems), is aimed at reducing virus spread, protecting Care Workers’ families and enabling them to continue in post which is key for the 300+ Care Homes in Cornwall, given that staffing levels are currently down by 15% in the sector.”